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SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS

REF: A) STATE 203771, B) ANKARA 6353

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT TALKED WITH UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL URQUHART AFTERNOON AUGUST 19 RE RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS. HE OUTLINED US APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR SYG'S EFFORTS TO BRING PARTIES TOGETHER AND EMPHASIZED WE WOULD SUPPORT LEDRA PALACE TALKS FOR ALL HUMANITARIAN ISSUES IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY.

2. URQUHART SAID PROSPECTS HAD NEVER SEEMED GLOOMIER FOR RESUMPTION OF CYPRUS TALKS THAN NOW. HE AGREES WITH
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US ON IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THEM UNDERWAY AGAIN, BUT UN

SECRETARIAT AND SYG HAVE HAD A SERIES OF DISAPPOINTING SETBACKS IN THEIR EFFORTS. PEREZUDE CUELLAR HAD REPORTED THAT DENKTASH HAD GIVEN HIM A FLAT NO ON LEDRA PALACE TALKS FOR EITHER HUMANITARIAN OR PROCEDURAL/POLITICAL QUESTIONS. TURKISH INTERLOCUTOR ONAN WAS APPARENTLY EVADING CONTACT WITH PEREZ. EVEN IF ITS SHOULD PROVE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SOME AGREEMENT ON HUMANITARIAN TALKS, URQUHART EXPRESSED VIEW IT WOULD NOT MEAN ANYTHING. TURKISH HAVE STEPPED UP EVICTION OF GREEK CYPRIOTS TO AS MANY AS 60 A DAY FROM TURKISH HELD AREAS OF CYPRUS.

3. AS FOR COMMENTS OF TURKISH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL REPORTED ANKARA 6353, AND HIS PIOUS REFERENCE TO DEBT OWED TO WALDHEIM, URQUHART SAID HE WAS SORRY BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHARACTERIZE THAT AS "PURE HUMBUG".

4. URQUHART SAID HE HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT PRESENCE IN NEW YORK OF GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS TO RAISE WITH THEM QUESTION OF RESUMING TALKS. HE HAD GOT NO WHERE AT ALL, ALTHOUGH HE GRANTED THAT BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH AEGEAN QUESTIONS.

5. URQUHART SAID SYG AND SECRETARIAT WOULD OF COURSE GO ON WORKING FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS BUT HE COULD NOT SUMMON UP ANY OPTIMISM AT THIS TIME.
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